Protection of domestic coal industry

778. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the landed price of South African and indonesian non-coking coal vis-a-vis price of domestic prime grade coal;

(b) whether the Indonesian and South African coal which is landing into Indian market is 20 per cent cheap;

(c) whether the coal industry is facing tough competition on account of cheaper input; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to protect domestic coal industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) and (b) Indian coal is normally of inferior grade in comparison to imported Indonesian and South African coal as such straightaway cost comparison is not possible from landed price per tonne. However, as per the rough estimate made by Coal India Limited, the average derived price for Indonesian and South African coal on the basis of derived CIF price landed cost and domestic prime grade non-coking coal works out as under:

Source	Destination	Landed price/Tonne in Rs.	GCV	Cost/million K. Cal. in Rs.
ECL/ Raniganj	Madras	2232.00	6,0	372.00
MCL/ Talcher	Madras	1826.50	6,000	304.42
Indonesia	Madras	1546.00	6,000	257.69
SECL/ Korea	Surat	2063.92	6,000	343.98
Rewa South Africa	Mugdalla (Surat)	1851.00	6,300	293.80

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Domestic coal is higher ed than imported coal particularly in al locations because of high incid. of rail freight compared to sea freigh. nd also because of the higher incidence as a percentage of royalty etc. The Government has, therefore, taken steps to rectify this imbalance. In the recently announced Budget the basic duty on non-coking coal has been increased from 10% to 15%, while the import duty on coking coal has been retained at 5%. For both varieties of coal a surcharge of 10% has been levied.

Coalfields under MCL

779. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coalfields under the Mahanadi Coalfield Ltd. (MCL);

(b) the manpower deployed by MCL in those coalfields; and

(c) what are the details of health care and educational facilities provided by MCL for the workers and their children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) MCL is operating in two coalfields, namely Ib Valley and Talcher, both located in the State of Orissa.

(b) As on 1st February, 1999, the manpower deployed by MCL in Ib Valley coalfield and Talcher coalfield is 11925 and 10427 respectively.

(c) MCL is providing health care facilities to its employees through the following infrastructure:

	Number
Hospitals	6
Dispensaries	13
Ambulances	32

As regards educational facilities, MCL provides grant-in-aid to certain privately managed schools and other educational institutions under Community Development Programme. There are two Kendriya Vidyalayas and seve. AV Public Schools which are given re. ring grants and all infrastructural facilities as per agreement entered into with them. The

number of educational institutions operating in MCL Areas are as under:

	Number
Privately managed Schools	22
Kendriya Vidyalayas	2
DAV Public Schools	6
Colleges	1

GSI's estimate of coal reserves

780. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the reserves of coal estimated by the Geological Survey of India during Ninth Five Year Plan period, State-wise;

(b) whether exploration of coal deposits in any of the coal fields is being conducted;

(c) if so, the details of progress/ achievements in this regard; and

(d) whether Government propose to infuse fresh capital; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY) (a): Assessment of coal reserves estimated by GSI during the first two years of IX Plan is 4,099 million tonnes. The state-wise details of additionality of coal reserves is given in table below:

Statewise coal reserves of India as estimated by GSI During IX Plan

(Reserves in Million Tonnnes)

State	1.1.99	1.1.97	Additional reserves Estimated in two years of IX Plan
Andhra Pradesh	13337	13057	280
Arunachal Pradesh	90	90	0
Assam	320	320	0
Bihar	68756	67819	937
Madhya Pradesh	42772	41451	1321
Maharashtra	6970	6739	231
Meghalya	459	459	0
Nagaland	20	20	0
Orissa	49061	47890	1171
Uttar Pradesh	1062	1062	0
West Bengal	25904	25745	159
TOTAL	208751	204652	4099

(b) and (c) The details of coalfields where exploration is being conducted alongwith the progress made in the past two years is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) During VIII Plan a sum of Rs. 49.06 crores was spent on promotional drilling. During IX Plan a provision of Rs. 130 crores have been approved by Planning Commission for undertaking exploration activities.

Statement

Coalfield-wise additionalities of coal reserves in first two years of IX Plan

(In Million Tonnes)

State	Coalfield	Additional Reserve
West Bengal	Raniganj and other small coalfields of West Bengal	159
Bihar	Jharia	13
	North Karanpura	156
	South Karanpura	18
	Auranga	376
	Rajmahal	374
Madhya Pradesh	Pench Kanhan	63
	Suhagpur	112
	Singrauli	2
	Sonhat	5
	Bisrampur	679
	Pench Bahini	11
	Hasdeo Arand	60
	Korba	109
	Mand Raigarh	172
	Tatapani Ramkola	107
Maharashtra	Wardha Valley	188
	Kamptee	43
Orissa	Ib Valley	372
	Talchir	800
Andhra Pradesh	Godavari Valley	280
	TOTAL	4099

Retrenchment in ECL

781. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem "Pack-